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Dispatchio di Machiavelli

Greetings, thou princes! Although ye be spread far apart, yet ye strive to extend your positions by force and by guile. May you confound your enemies and strengthen your friends, through your great understanding of the art of Diplomacy.

I would like to remind all readers that The Master Machiavellian does reserve the right to edit all press that it receives, as was expostulated earlier in issues five and seven. Let there remain any doubt in the future, herein is appended the new House Rule #15: "Press - All players may contribute press regarding their game(s). The Staff of NMR reserves the right to edit, censor, or delete any press." The Staff does attempt to print all the press that it receives; until the present, the only cause for editing has been lack of space to include releases in their entirety. However, certain press releases submitted have proven, in the Staff's opinion, unnecessary and lacking in contribution to this publication and, in accordance with our position as stated in Issue #5, were deleted. The Staff is not essaying to impose its system of morality upon its readership, but space is of such value that any press which does not contribute to the periodical and, indeed, detracts from it, will not be included. The Staff is quite interested in the opinions and reactions of the readers to this policy and, bearing in mind the wide variety of social mores to which The Master Machiavellian must appeal, are invited to respond in writing.

It has been brought to my attention that the Greater Los Angeles Simulation Convention is to be held at California State University of Northridge from 4 - 6 June 1976. At the convention will be Diplomacy, Kingmaker, Dungeons & Dragons, miniatures, boardgames, and tournaments with prizes awarded. All interested readers are invited to contact James Blancher, 17323 Saticoy St., Northridge CA 91324, phone (213) 343-0491. The Staff plans to attend.

If any prince should desire to engage in one of the contests contained within the pages of this periodical without a game fee, there is now a means for him to satisfy this illustrious desire. Merely by notifying the Staff of The Master Machiavellian, he may be entered into the Standby Pool, from whence he shall be placed in the midst of a diplomatic conflict where he may well prove to be the key to the strategic maneuvering of his gaming compatriots. It is a precious opportunity to enter a game without a fee. May fair fortune follow all who enter the Standby Pool, and may fair retribution descend upon all who foully NMR!

May good fortune rest upon you, and may subtlety cloak your actions and plans. Graciously I welcome you to this world of the lion and the fox, of force and of fraud. Farewell -- *Niccolo Machiavelli*

STANDBY POOL: 1974HO - Robert Stimmel
1975GG - Ron Kelly

1975GG - Eric Verheiden

Pool Status - Mark Zimmermann, Bert van den Boogard, Don Parker, Peggy
man, Robert Stimmel, Eric Verheiden, Ron Kelly

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The Master Machiavellian is a magazine of postal Diplomacy, its variants, and other wargames. Subs are 10/\$2.30 ONLY! There are no game openings at present, but standbys for Colonia I, Diplomacy, and Colonia II are solicited. Diplomacy, /c/ Avalon Hill Co., 4517 Harford Rd., Baltimore, MD 21214, was invented by Allan Calhamer. Please make all checks, money orders, etc. payable to our treasurer, Michael Homeier.

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GAMES SECTION

1975Ufh (Colonia I) BALKANS IN TURMOIL; Spring 1752
 EN, PO, SP PLAY MUSICAL CHAIR, IN AFRICA.

AUSTRIA(Stephens): F Nap-Ion; F Run S F Ion-Aag; F Ion-Aag; A Bos-Sof; A Rom S A Bos-Sof; A Tri-Ven; 7. Psa; A Bav-Han; A Sss-Sav; A Pps S A Tri-Ven.

ENGLAND(Scheutz): F Lon-Nth; F Fla-Gom; F Ice-Nat; F Nat-Wat; F Nwy H; F Aus-Cor; F Tas S F Aus-Cor; F Filj Tar; F Vir-Bah; F Lpl(wc)-Wal; A Ala-Ore; A Con-Kam; A Vig S A Con-Kam /r Bnn, F-z, OTB/.

FRANCE(Lucero): F Eat /r OTB/(NRR). A Vol-En; A Cha-Vol; A Lou S EN A Ala-Ore; A Bur S A Sav; A Sav S A Bav; A Tou S A Sav; A Niz S A Mah; A Mah S A Niz.

NETHERLANDS(Hyatt): F Cey-Wio; F Eat-Wat; F Ibe S A Sur-Ama; A Sur-Ama; F Bal-Den; F Sum-Eio; F Jav-Bol; A Den-Han; A Han-Rhi; A Rhi-Ant; A Ang-Kat; A Zam-Vin; A Bol S A Sur-Ama; A Cpc-Nal.

BYZANTIUM(Greenwell): F Emd-Ion; F Ars C A Cha-Kha; F Red-Eth; F Cnp-Bla; F Izm-Aeg; A Sof-Run; A Sub-Lib; A Oma-Kha; A Afg-Mah; A Sin S A Afg-Mah; A Par-Afg.

PORTUGAL(Stimmel): F Can-Azo; F Vep C A Azo-Dak; A Azo-Dak; F Coc-Mac; F Mac-Sun; F Lag-Can; F Lis S F Lag-Can; A Bha H; A Agt-Bol; A Kam-Nig; A Bma-Szo; A Opo S SP A Val-Arg.

RUSSIA(Schnaath): F Swa S F Ptd(sc)-Gob; F Ptd(sc)-Gob; F Amu-Soj; A Kaz H; A Tur-Skg; A Skg-Tib; A Sze S A Chn-Sun; A Chn-Sun; A Smk-Lit; A Kio-Bos; A Cri-Rom; A Man-Lit.

SPAIN(Gemignani): F Nwg-Cor; F Tar-Filj; F Wnd-Id; F Mex(ac)-Gom; F Mnl-Cal; A Val-Arg; A Alg-Sah; A Sah-Ser; A Tun-Num; A Tok-Lou; A Cal-Ore; A Ash S PO A Kam-Nig.

The notation, FR F Eat /r OTB/ was a reminder. Summer 1752 retreats and Fall 1752 moves are due 3.00 pm 22 April 1976 at 238 N. Bowling Green Way, L.A. 90049. Some notes: Army passage between Den and Swa is 1; in reg Dip. Press is welcome. Watch the deadlines, and thanks for the nrr's!

1975Ufh Press:

NAPLES: "King Virillo spluttered with rage and aggrieved chauvanism. 'Shewantsa my Naples for a dowry! Atsa some nerv-!'"

LOWER SLOVA SPANISH CONCESSION; Suez Slander here: "Your reporter was treated to noise full of dirt this week like you wouldn't believe. Spanish Queen reported to be having fits, reason her Austrian half relatives can't speak right and keep chasing harem girls. She has reported to have asked her suitor, King Virillo of Naples, to intervene. This reporter can't figure out if she was

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asking to have King Lear speak better English, stop chasing harem girls or chase her. Portuguese confidential is rumor to be just about ready to break ((?)). Don't be surprised that what ((?)) King Virillo is chasing this week. Or Austrian. Oh, oh, there comes the Vice Squad, have to go..."

ROME: "The Pope announced today that for meritorious censorship and clean living above and beyond the call of duty, 'The Simple Simon Legion of Decency Award' was to awarded to one of Brentwood's most prominent citizens."

SOFIA: "Legion! My name ist legion," chortled evil Felix. "Und I vill sqvash der heathenozischer Ferdanio der First und der Last!"

SAVOY: "Please, oh please -- won't some benevolent despot aid us in our struggles against the voracious and rapacious Gallic hordes who are raping (oops, pardon our lapse: we should have said 'violating') the virgin land of Savoy."

VIENNA: "Vots dis! Ve got enof problems already mit out der GM running a little Janie Withers sewage-plumber routing mit our heads!" screamed the emperor.

'Vell, kissie-pinchie-pattie-carress 'ums ve vill haf der last laugh when der clean-clean GM machine comes down mit a rash from using enzyme detergent tablets as underarm deodorant pads,' consoled the empress.

'Bah, you ist such a big cow-oink-moo-pig. Ich vill haf vorse happen to der Brentwood Bonzo who would be guardian of der collective morals uf der völd -- they are de vons who would say "Today your morals, tomorrow your minds! They haf been liffig in D&D land too long."

((Needless to say, I've just about had it with certain press writers. This magazine goes to many readers who don't want to read trash, which is what some press has become. Some things, to a point, will be allowed -- see above. However, the Staff will not print personal attacks in press releases; our room is much too valuable to be wasted in doing so, for, as the Staff, we can always have the last word. And by golly, we will not allow our morals to be compromised. If the press can't be kept reasonable and fun, then that which is not is going straight into the trash can.))

LISBON: "Royal family of Braganza in disgrace. Sister of King of Portugal, Maria Barbara de Braganza, alias Peggy, Queen of Spain, is being courted by her brother-in-law, the King of Naples, half-brother of the King of Spain. Generous concessions of territory to Portugal by guilty parties could ameliorate the insult."

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1975BKfh
(Colonia II)

GLOBAL MOBILIZATION CONTINUES!

Winter 1750

AUSTRIA(Hyatt): Builds F Som, F Tri, A Vie, A Pra. Also, A Bav /r Sss/. Also has F Nap, A Psa, A Pol, A Tan, A Col (10).

ENGLAND(Scheutz): Builds F Aus, F Vir, F Nig, F Lon. Also has F Fij, F Nwy, F EAt, F Far, A Kam, A Lou (10).

FRANCE(Stimmel): Builds F Tou, A Bor, A Pdy, A Que. Also has F Leo, A Sav, A Pps, A Mta, A Vol, A Mah (10).

NETHERLANDS(Fox): Builds F Ant, F Jav, A Utr, A Hag, A Sur, A Cpc *. Also has F Den, F Beo, A Bav, A Ecu, A Zam, A Han*. (12).

OTTOMANS(Stephens): Builds F Jer(sc), F Bag, F Izm, A Sof. Also has F Bla, A Afg, A Egy, A Per, A Oma, A Arm (10).

PORTUGAL(Reich): Builds A Bra, A Ang, A Lag, A Mac. Also has F Azo, A Hue, A Opo, A Coc, A Bol, A Con (10).

RUSSIA(Norris): Builds F Haw, F Ptd(sc), A Ala, A Irk, A Mos. Also has F Cal, F Swa, A Amu, A Kis, A Cri, A Ora (11).

SPAIN(Fpppp Kitching): Builds F Mnl, A Cad, A Mex, A Ifn. Also has F Bar, F Soc, A Maa, A Arg, A Bak, A Lou (10).

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1975BKfh Adjudications (Cont.):

* = denotes that NE's occupation of Han was omitted, allowing NE to build six. Rick Kitching, Box 1573, Huntsville, Ontario POA 1K0 is now Spain. Pepper is out without a word. Thanks to the rest of you for not NMRing. Spring 1751 orders due 3.00 pm 22 April 1976 at 238 N. Bowling Green Way, L.A. 90049. I have prelim orders for Sp⁵¹ from EN, OT, SP. As move from Den to Sw normally.

1975BKfh Press:

((The following I print as received)) "Sofia: censored; Damascus: censored; Najd: censored; Baghdad: censored; Izmir: censored; Constantinople: censored, censored, censored; Brentwood: We have a cleanliness fetish -- even our dungeons are clean!" ((Ha, ha. And he asked me if I was going to print his, to use his word, "tripa" last ish! If that is creative press, ya glupiy!!!))

SPAIN: Prince Ricardo the Beaverheart will be crowned on April 1 1751. It is hoped that King Reich of Portugal will attend (minus his armies). Portugal was instrumental in the overthrow of the spice dealer Pepper. No wines or sherries are being exported in preparation for the great event."

LISBON: "The Government of Portugal announced today a reward of £10,000 sterling for the capture of the dangerous Ferreira brothers. They are accused of stealing the royal 'throne'. The 'throne' was a symbol of great 'relief' to the King and will be sorely missed. It should be known that the Ferreira brothers, Paul and Jeff, are armed and dangerous. The reward is for their capture and return dead or dead. The stolen 'throne' was of gold and mithril, and is valued at £100,000,000,000,000,000.00. The Royal Plumber Corps has installed a temporary 'throne' made of silver and brass. Also, the King is sorry that he has not heard from the King of England, the Tsar of Russia, the King of France, or the Ottoman Emperor."

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1974HO RUSSIA FINALLY OUT! Fall 1906

AUSTRIA(Kissner): F Ion-Nap; A Rom S F Ion-Nap; A Rum H; A Bud S A Rum; A Ser S A Rum.

ENGLAND(Zimmermann): F Bra-Mid; F Bel H; F Eng S F Bel; F Nth-Nwy; F Swa-Bal; A Hol-Kie; A Den S A Hol-Kie; A Pic-Par.

FRANCE(CD): A Por /h/.

GERMANY(Fujihara): F Bal-Den; A Mar H; A Bur-Par; A StP-Nwy; A Mos H; A War-Sil; A Mun-Kie; A Ruh S A Mun-Kie.

ITALY(Ferguson?): NMR. -- F Spa(sc) /h/; A Tyo /h/; A Pic /h/; A Tun /h/.

RUSSIA(Swabeck): A Mos /r OTB/.

TURKEY(Lucero): F Aeg-Gro; F Smy-Aeg; A Bul S F Aeg-Gro; F Bla S A Sev; A Sev S RU A Ukr/nsu/.

Thanks to Erich Swabeck for maintaining RU as long as he did. Gus NMRed for the third time, so will Robert Stimml, 1541 Sawtelle Blvd. Apt. #12, L.A. CA 90025 please standby for Italy? Thanks, Bob! Winter '06 builds due 22 April 1976 at 1443 Jonesboro Dr., L.A. CA 90049. Winter '06 supply center chart:

AUSTRIA: Home, Rum, Ser, Ven, Rom, Nap, ~~Gr~~ (8). Builds 2.

ENGLAND: Home, Nwy, Bra, Hol, Swa, Bel, Den (9). Builds 1.

FRANCE: Por (1). No change.

GERMANY: Home, Par, War, Mar, StP, ~~Gr~~, Mos (8). No change.

ITALY: Tun, Spa, ~~Kom~~, ~~Map~~ (2). Removes 2. ((Not much of a position, eh, Bob?))

TURKEY: Home, Sev, Bul, Gro (6). Builds 1.

1974HO Press:

ROME, 14 Sept. '06: "King Ignutz I today announced the winner of a weekend

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pass into the Vatican City. Not surprisingly enough it is Emperor Thomas of the Austrian Empire. The Emperor is expected to take advantage of this pass after he completes his inspection of Naples, recently captured by the Austrian navy."

VATICAN CITY, 22 Sept. '06: "Emperor Thomas today met with Pope Pius X. Although their talks were naturally private, it is expected that the Pope will soon end the 36-year tradition of 'holing up' in the Vatican. Rumor also has it that the Emperor is willing to make certain political concessions in exchange for various papal blessings to hang onto your ---- Ig!!" ((??))

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ENGLAND AND TURKEY COLLAPSE

Fall 1904

AUSTRIA(Lucero): F Eas-Smy; A Vie-Gal; A Bud-Rum; A Bul S IT F Aeg-Con.
 ENGLAND(~~Pepper~~): NMR. F Nth / r OTB/; A Lvp /r OTB/. No units left.
 FRANCE(Carter?): NMR. F Iri, F Nth, F Lon, F Lyo, A Lvp, A Spa, A Mar all /h/.
 GERMANY(Swabeck): F Ska-Nth; A Hol-Bel; A Mun-Bur; A Ber-Mun; A Den-Kie; A Swa H.
 ITALY(Weswig): F Tun-Wes; F Ion-Tyr; F Nap-Rom; F Aeg-Con; A Arm-Ank; A Ser S
 AU A Bud-Rum.
 RUSSIA(Fox): F Nwy H; A Rum S TU A Con-Bul/nso/; A Ukr S A Rum; A Sev S A Rum;
 A Lvn-War.
 TURKEY(~~Pepper~~): NMR. A Smy /h/; A Ank /h/; A Con /h/r OTB.

Gary has dropped out due to a tough gaming load; EN is too far gone to deserve a standby. As for Pepper, who NMR'd for the umpteenth time, he can have Turkey, which has been botched by NMRs so badly as to make it ridiculous to assign a standby. Winter '04 builds due 22 April 1976 at Jon Reich's house, 1443 Jonesboro Dr., L.A. CA 90049. '75AV Winter '04 supply center chart:

AUSTRIA: Home, Bul, ~~Wm~~ (5). No change. ENGLAND: Edi, ~~Lvp~~ (1). CD = no change.
 FRANCE: Home, Spa, Lon, Lvp, Por (6).-- 1. Also loses ~~Pepper~~.
 GERMANY: Home, Den, Hol, Swa, Bel (7). Builds 1.
 ITALY: Home, Ser, Gra, Tun, Con (7). Builds 1.
 RUSSIA: Home, Nwy, Rum (5). NC. TURKEY: Ank, Smy, ~~Pepper~~ (2). No change.

BUCHAREST(19 July '04): "The throngs of people lining the streets of this ancient city are too numerous to count. They are all celebrating the great Russian triumph. This triumph has brought these myriads of people to freedom from the harsh, cruel, uncivilized Austrian regime. As the forces of the Russian Army moved in, only cheering greeted them (only!). The people were joyous. The mayor of Bucharest, Jonathan Lazie, was sleeping at the time of this press release, and was unable to comment."

ST. PETERSBURG, 20 July '04: "The thronging crowds in front of the Tsar's podium cheered as Tsar Russell I began his speech. 'Today is a day that will go down in infamy! The Royal Russian First Army smashed the opposition in Rumania! Rumania has been captured. I declare the rest of July a holiday for all! As ambulances rushed to the scene (44 people had fainted), wild cheering, clapping, etc. greeted the Royal Russian First Army as they paraded down 'Tarzan Blvd.' in front of the podium ((from Bucharest to StPete in 1 day!)). The throng of people were joyous, and this will be a day that will go down in infamy."

St. Petersburg Socialist Digest, 21 July '04: "The Government declared that the stab of Austria was due to the lack of a proposal from either Austria or Italy on the war. It invites all nations, including Austria, to write on this subject."

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PARALYSIS STRIKES PARIS AND ANKARA

Spring 1903

AUSTRIA(Bourns): F Bul(sc)-Con; A Bud-Rum; A Ser S A Bud-Rum; A Vie-Gal; A Tri-Tyo
 ENGLAND(Diehl): F Lvp-Wal; F Nth-Lon; A Yor H; F Ska-Nth; F Den-Kie/r Hel-Ska, OTB

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FRANCE(Fox): Verheiden): NMR. F Bel, F Mid, F Mar, A Por, A Por, A Bur all /h/
 GERMANY(Fox): F Bel-Den; A Kie S F Bel-Den; A Mun-Ruh; A Hol S A Mun-Ruh.
 ITALY(Lucero): F Aeg S AU F Bul-Con; F Ion-Cas; A Alb-Gre; A Tun H.
 RUSSIA(Dunn): F Swa S A Fin; A Fin S F Swa; A Sov S AU A Bud-Rum; A Mos-Ukr;
 A Sil-War.
 TURKEY(Parker?): NMR. F Bla /h/; A Smy /h/; A Rum /h/r Bul, OTB/.

Jon Pepper is officially out as France; we ask Eric Verheiden, CalTech 1-86, Pasadena CA 91126 to take over; OK, Eric? Many thanks! Also, will Ron Kelly, #120, 225 Virginia Ave. S.E., Washington D.C. 20061 please submit standby moves for Turkey? Thank you, Ron. Fall '03 orders due 3.00 pm 22 April 1976 at Jon Reich's house, 1443 Jonesboro Dr., L.A. CA 90049. Press:

RUHR BASIN: "Emperor Frederick Russell II (Remember, Peggy, 1975I, sorry I had to resign) ((?)) today announced that he would support the Russians into Berlin, Munich, and even Kiel. He declared that anything and everything would be done to stop the spread of 'Diehlism' which is the worst thing in the world."

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1975M FRANCE AND ITALY LEADING THE PACK Fall 1901

AUSTRIA(Adam): F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre; A Vio-Tri.
 ENGLAND(Diehl): F Nrg-Nwy; F Nth-Hol; A Yor-Lon.
 FRANCE(Fujihara): F Ang S A Pic-Bel; A Pic-Bel; A Spa-Por.
 GERMANY(Cooper): F Den-Swa; A Kie-Hol; A Sil-War.
 ITALY(Dittmar): F Ion-Tun; A Tri H; A Von-Tyo.
 RUSSIA(Van den Boogard): F Sov-Rum; F Bot-Swa; A War-Pru; A Mos-War.
 TURKEY(Kitching): F Ank-Bla; A Bul-Gre; A Con-Bul.

Thanks, guys, for keeping everything running smoothly! Winter '01 builds due 22 April 1976 at 3.00 pm at Jon Reich's house, 1443 Jonesboro, L.A. CA 90049. Winter '01 supply center chart:

AUSTRIA: Vio, Bud, Tri, Ser, Gra (4). Builds one.
 ENGLAND: Home, Nwy (4). Builds one. FRANCE: Home, Bel, Por (5). Builds two.
 GERMANY: Home, Den (4). Builds one. ITALY: Home, Tri, Tun (5). Builds two.
 RUSSIA: Home, Rum (5). Builds one. TURKEY: Home, Bul (4). Builds one.

Note to Bert van den Boogard: "Since I don't keep all of the old orders I can't check, but I don't believe I made any mistakes. Best, Jon Reich."

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DIPLOMACY IN ACTION

ONE: The Inter-War Period 1925-1939
 by Michael George Homer

Part One - Rhineland to Anschluss (Continued)

In an attempt to thwart Hitler's plans without the support of Italy or France, Schuschnigg held a plebiscite to determine Austria's future. The German dictator's response to this move was immediate and devastating. The Austrian chancellor was immediately presented with a German ultimatum threatening instant invasion if Schuschnigg's plebiscite was not called off and if he did not resign in favor of the Austrian Nazi leader Dr. Arthur Seyss-Inquart. The stage was set for the Anschluss, step two after the Rhineland in Hitler's plan for reunifying the German-speaking peoples.

On 11 March 1938 Schuschnigg resigned and was replaced as chancellor by Seyss-Inquart, who on the following day sent a prearranged telegram to Hitler asking that the German Army intervene in Austria "to establish peace and order

((article cont.))...and to prevent bloodshed." On 13 March, as the German army advanced into Austria, Seyss-Inquart declared officially the Anschluss, and Austria became the "Ostmark" of the "Greater German Reich", or "Grossdeutsches Reich".

Since his accession to power in 1933, Hitler, in his move to remake Germany as the dominant European power, defied the military restrictions imposed on Germany by the 1919 Versailles Treaty only two years after his succession, defied the military strength of the Allies and reoccupied part of Germany taken from her after World War I in 1936, and in the 1938 Anschluss seized Austria in defiance of her separation from Germany, also as a result of the Versailles Treaty. The German Führer's sun was on the ascendancy, and his next victim had already been selected: Czechoslovakia, now surrounded by German territory on all three sides.

New Year's Day 1939 dawned with the hope that peace would be maintained throughout Europe and the world. The 6 December 1938 meeting of French foreign minister Georges Bonnet and German foreign minister Joachim von Ribbentrop in Paris had resulted in a signed declaration promising an end to the traditional hostility between the two countries in the spirit of the Munich Agreement of September 1938.

The Munich Agreement came as the result of the Sudetenland Crisis of May - September. Hitler's first step in the liquidation of Czechoslovakia, his claims on the Sudetenland (the frontier region of Bohemia), was to detach this region from Czechoslovakia, an area containing many of Czechoslovakia's natural resources, industry, main lines of defense, and 2.8 million ethnic Germans. The Sudeten Germans had no grounds to complain of their treatment by the Prague Government after having been given many privileges, including social amenities often greater than those in other parts of Czechoslovakia. But Nazi propaganda pictured the Sudeten Germans as a persecuted minority with Germany as their sole protector, and encouraged the seditious activities of the "Sudetendeutsche Partei" under Konrad Henlein which demanded unification with Germany.

In May 1938 Hitler ordered German army divisions to annex the Sudetenland, but France, Britain, and the Soviet Union all announced that a German invasion of Czechoslovakia would result in an immediate military response, and the Führer backed down. Henlein's Nazis engineered repeated incidents throughout the summer which served as Hitler's tool to demand that the plight of the Sudeten Germans be settled as soon as possible, winding up the 1938 Nuremberg Party Rally on 12 September with the insistence that the Sudeten Germans be allowed self-determination. The subsequent Sudeten Nazi revolt was ruthlessly crushed by the Prague Government under President Benes.

Britain's Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain expressed his desire to discuss a peaceful settlement with Hitler, and met with the German at Berchtesgaden on 15 September; a meeting which resulted in the British informing Benes that if Prague went to war with Germany over the Sudetenland Britain, joined by France, would not support him. The second meeting between Chamberlain and Hitler, at Bad Godesberg on the 22nd, witnessed Chamberlain's telling Hitler that his claim on the Sudetenland would be met, but now Hitler replied that was no longer enough, and that German troops must intervene at once, a demand Chamberlain refused to consider. The Czech Army mobilized on 23 September, and with London and Paris standing firm against Hitler's latest demands, war was imminent. But at the last moment Chamberlain once again came through for the Nazis, suggesting an immediate conference with Italy as mediator.

On 29 September 1938, Hitler, Mussolini, Chamberlain, and French Prime Minister Edouard Daladier met at Munich; Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union were not even consulted. Britain and France backed down entirely from their belligerent position, and agreed that the German Army could start occupying the Sudetenland from 1 October in return for Hitler's assurance that this was his "last territorial demand."

Czechoslovakia had been betrayed for an empty promise that Britain and France

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((article cont.)) arriving... Minister in London... departure for Munich. "If you have sacrificed my nation to preserve the peace of the world, I will be the first to applaud you. But if not, gentlemen, God help your souls!"

Thus, it was the British Government which had encouraged the December 1938 Franco-German Declaration in the tense atmosphere after Munich. France and Germany declared their conviction that "peaceful and neighborly relations between France and Germany form one of the essential elements in the consolidation of the European situation, as well as in the general maintenance of peace." In Article 2, the Germans relinquished their claim to Alsace-Lorraine. But the hopes that Hitler had abandoned his policy of armed coups and unilateral expansion was soon proved futile...

NEXT INSTALLMENT: Part Two - The Rape of Prague

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ZINE REVIEWS

The Diplomacy Baron is a fine 'zine put out by my friend Rod Zaccaria. 23851 Park Belmonte, Calabasas CA 91302. TDB is monthly, 6 - 8 pages, and subs are 10/\$3 w/ samples available for a SASE. Fees are: reg Dip- \$1 refundable deposit + sub; Anonymity Variant - \$2 fee + \$1 deposit + sub; Global Variant (Pulsipher) - \$2 fee + \$1 deposit + sub; "Rebate Game" - \$5 + sub w/ players getting back 75¢ for ea. center owned. #6 contained games, press, letters. Expert Opinion article for novices by Dave Lagerson, announcements, and Coronel & Falklands article by your very own Managing Editor. Neat, regular.

Impassable is a Dip zine by John Boyer, 117 Garland Dr., Carlisle PA 17013, now going on its 63rd ish. Subs are 10/\$2. Includes a list of zines w/ game openings, news of the hobby, games & press, Lew Pulsipher's Verhandeln, and announcements. About 10 pages mimeo.

Bushwacker, a monthly zine pubbed by Fred C. Davis, Jr., 3012 Oak Green Ct., Ellicott City MD 21043, is dedicated to variant Diplomacy games. Subs are 12/\$2.50 or 12/\$3 overseas sea mail; fees: \$7 (\$6 if already in another game) which includes rules copies + sub for length of game; standby fees: \$3.50 which also includes rules copies + sub. #53 included announcements, hobby news, plugs, rules for Fred's U.S. Diplomacy III, games, and editorial. Mimeo.

Claw & Fang is pubbed the first Saturday of every month by Don Horton, 16 Jordan Ct., Sacramento CA 95826. Sub rate is 11/\$3 w/ samples available for 25¢. #64 included humor, announcements, recipes, games & press, Russ Johnston's Secrets Behind My Genius Bourse Play, horoscope. 12 pp, mimeo.

Centurion, by Russell Fox, 5140 Bonita Ave., Targent CA 91356, is a zine of offering openings free to any subber not in a game; others \$1 fee. #17 included zine reviews, games, some press. Slow (#17 was 1976 and here is April) at least to traders, but regular zine reviews makes trading mandatory. w/ announcements, 10 pp mimeo.

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